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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: **12-16**
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. claims: 1,2

Breathing assistance apparatus with an inhalation valve having a leak generator.

2. claims: 1,3

Breathing assistance apparatus in which the pressurized gas source is a centrifugal fan.

3. claims: 1,4-6

Breathing assistance apparatus with a flow rate sensor in the expiratory duct.

4. claims: 1,7-9

Breathing assistance apparatus in which the inspiratory valve comprises a moving element made in two parts.

5. claims: 1,10-13

Breathing assistance apparatus which expiratory valve is controlled by a micro-turbine.

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Claims Nos.: 12-16

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